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Meeting of the Environmental Action Working Group to be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 2nd February 2023 in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Terms of Reference
3. Discussion of areas and ideas of interest

- a. Drinking Fountain on the Village Green

The Working Group that organised the Platinum Jubilee had a small amount of profit and indicated a desire to put this towards a permanent reminder of the jubilee that would also have a positive environmental impact on the community by encouraging a reduction in the purchase of water in plastic bottles.

- b. Community Composting Scheme

*This scheme aims to reduce the requirement for green waste collection and your allotment/garden waste comes back as useful compost. (See more at:
<http://compostworks.co.uk/community-composting/>)*

- c. Bee Squared

*Bees and other pollinating insects are essential to life as we know it. Bees are vital to both pollinate the food we need to survive and pollinate many of the trees and flowers that provide habitats for wildlife. This scheme encourages everyone to plant a 1m squared area with wildflowers from seeds provided by the scheme. (See an example here:
<https://climateactionnow.uk/bee-squares/>)*

- d. Carbon Reduction Plan

- i. *This suggestion is to support the Parish Council in its aspirations to be a zero-waste community by 2030 and to become carbon neutral. (See an example here:
<https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/climate-change/carbon-reduction-strategy>)*

- e. Walking Bus

This scheme is aimed at encouraging a reduction in the number of School Car Runs in the Village. (See more here: <https://www.greenschoolruns.org/walking-bus>)

f. Community Energy Scheme

To explore the possibility of building on the example of Thameshead Energy in reducing energy costs, reducing carbon footprint and generating income for the community. (See more at: <https://thamesheadenergy.org/>)

g. Fresh Milk Dispensing Scheme

To understand the possibility of a fresh milk dispensing scheme in the Village to avoid purchasing milk in plastic containers.

h. Reducing packaging waste from High Street hospitality outlets

To explore how to engage with local takeaways in order to reduce the amount of waste being generated by packaging that ends up in bins on the Village Green

4. Any other ideas for exploration

5. Enlarging the Working Group

6. Which organisations should we be liaising with?

7. How do we test the community interest in suggestions that deliver on our purpose?

8. Items to Note

9. Date of Next Meeting